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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty. Docket: TOVEY=2

In re Application of:) Art Unit: 1646
TOVEY et al)
Appln. No.: 08/853,292) Examiner: J. Andres
Filed: May 9, 1997) Washington, D.C.
For: STIMULATION OF HOST)
DEFENSE MECHANISMS AGAINST)
VIRAL CHALLENGES)

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 27, 2001, petition for a one-month extension of time and payment being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1 (Five-times amended). A method for stimulating systemic host defense mechanisms against a pathogenic condition in a mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal having such a condition a therapeutically effective amount of an interferon via oromucosal contact, said amount being from about 21.4 IU/kg/day to about 2.9×10^4 IU/kg/day,